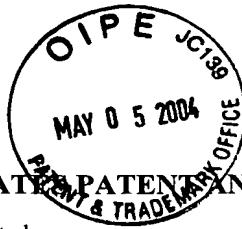


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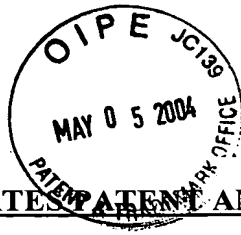
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This reference discloses a similar inclined composition of Hf (Zr) SiON layer, but Hf (Zr) concentration is not low near the interface with gate electrode.

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